

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 STEVEN ERIC GOULD,

Case No. 2:22-cv-01060-GMN-BNW

4 Plaintiff,

5 **ORDER**

6 v.

7 FERNANDO ZUNIGA, *et al.*,

8 Defendants.

9 **I. DISCUSSION**

10 On July 5, 2022, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of
11 Corrections (“NDOC”), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF
12 No. 1-1). Plaintiff has neither paid the full \$402 filing fee for this matter nor filed an
13 application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

14 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin
15 a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil
16 action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the
17 inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

18 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, on this
19 Court’s approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate’s two signatures on
20 page 3),

21 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
22 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court’s approved form), and

23 (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**
24 **previous six-month period**.

25 The Court will grant Plaintiff a **one-time** opportunity to file a complete application
26 to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing all three of the required documents, or in the
27 alternative, pay the full \$402 filing fee for this action on or before **September 26, 2022**.
28 Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time.

1 If Plaintiff is unable to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
2 with all three required documents or pay the full \$402 filing fee on or before **September**
3 **26, 2022**, this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new
4 case with the Court when Plaintiff is either able to acquire all three of the documents
5 needed to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full
6 \$402 filing fee.

7 A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the
8 case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents
9 needed to submit with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff
10 may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the
11 full filing fee of \$402 on or before **September 26, 2022**, to proceed with this case.

12 The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court
13 will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application
14 to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

15 **II. CONCLUSION**

16 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send
17 Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well
18 as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis*
19 application.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **September 26, 2022**, Plaintiff will
21 either pay the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and
22 the \$52 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

23 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this
24 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two
25 signatures on page 3),
26 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
27 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
28 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**

1 previous six-month period.

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete
3 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402
4 filing fee for a civil action on or before **September 26, 2022**, this case will be subject to
5 dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case
6 number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to
7 proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint
9 (ECF No.1-1) but will not file it at this time.

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DATED: July 28, 2022.

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BRENDA WEKSLER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE